

Basic Verb Tenses

A. Directions: The following story is not easy to understand, because the sentences are out of order. On the line below, list the sentence numbers in order so that the tenses of the verbs make sense. HINT: Read all the sentences before you begin.

1. The train started before Mrs. Bakiloff had sat down.
2. “Are you hurt?” said Mrs. Bakiloff.
3. “Ouch! That’s hot!” he exclaimed.
4. After the train had stopped, twelve passengers rushed up the train steps to get the best seats.
5. She fell toward Mr. Indigo, spilling her coffee.

1. _____

B. Directions: Rewrite each underlined verb in the tense named in parentheses. The new verb form should complete the sentence.

2. By the time of the first airplane, airships fly (past perfect) _____ for years.
3. The first engine-powered balloon take (past perfect) _____ to the air on September 24, 1852.
4. It’s clear to me that rigid airships see (present perfect) _____ better days.
5. However, non-rigid airships, or blimps, still soar (present progressive) _____ over parks and beaches and ball games.
6. I believe these blimps soar (future perfect) _____ over many sports events before their era ends.